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Gay Day

The Wilde-Stein Club and its associates have scheduled this Friday as "Gay Jeans Day" on campus, and already the anti-gay jokes have started.

The focus of this day, during which supporters of the gay movement on campus will wear blue jeans as a show of their position, is to increase awareness of the gay movement and its supposed growth in America.

And while this day will undoubtedly increase dialogue about the gay movement, it will really do little more than increase the abuse that persons who are not shy about sexual preferences will have to face.

One must think that there are better ways for the gays on campus to increase awareness, ways that are potentially less abusive to those in the gay movement. This current move, which has been previously done in 1977 and 1978, is generally taken as a joke by the student body at large. What good does that do for an organization that already must live with a less than admirable reputation?

If campus gays really want to gain the interest of those who are "afraid to come out of the closet," it would be better served by offering activities that provide information about the movement rather than "infringing" upon those persons whose ideals do not correlate with the gay movement.

Some may question the argument of infringement, but what is being discussed here is not ideals but reality, and in reality, a person who "mistakenly" wears blue jeans this Friday is liable to the same abuse as those who wear jeans by design from those who have no sympathy for the gay movement.

Wilde-Stein should know better than to re-institute one day of awareness that is not accepted by the campus at large. That group should know that their cause is not a very popular one, and to impose it on everyone is not the way to gain acceptance.

The fact that someone does or does not wear blue jeans this Friday will not be an interpretation of the gay movement sentiment on campus, and those who think otherwise are just thinking wishfully. E.C.